

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 575

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jimmy Owens on winning the 2011 Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series National Championship.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to recognize those Tennesseans who, through their notable achievements, bring honor to themselves and to this State; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Owens, a native of Newport, is one such intrepid individual who recently captured the 2011 Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series National Championship; and

WHEREAS, a longtime racer, Mr. Owens, who operates from his home track, the Volunteer Speedway, in Bulls Gap, is a full-time driver of cars in the open-wheel modified and dirt late model classes; and

WHEREAS, since embarking upon his racing career in 1992, Jimmy Owens, who is known as “The Newport Nightmare” and “The O Show,” has amassed an incredible number of victories. His more than 485 open wheel modified and dirt late model career victories has garnered him four UMP National Modified Championships (in 1998, 2000, 2001, and 2002) and, most recently, the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series National Championship; and

WHEREAS, he captured this most recent championship on Saturday, October 15, at the Atomic Speedway in Alma, Ohio. His championship victory was the culmination of a stellar season, which included thirteen dirt late model victories; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Owens is possessed of a firm commitment to the pursuit of excellence and an unwavering dedication to the finest tenets of auto racing, qualities which he exhibits both on and off the track, and it is wholly fitting that he be recognized by this body for his many accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that that we commend and congratulate Jimmy Owens upon his capture of the 2011 Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series National Championship, applaud his many victories achieved throughout his stellar career, and extend our best wishes for his every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.